perts will also come here and help us in establishing the factory. Our scientists and experts are going to the Soviet Union, seeing and examining their large factory producing this vaccine so that they will get not only the technology but they will also know the method of manufacture. As I said, the factory will be completed by 1991 and it will go into commercial production.

*103 *The Questioner (Shri Basudeb Mohapatra) was absent. For answer*, vide *col.* 25 *infra*)

*104. (*The questioner (Shri V. Gopalsamy and Shri Pasumpon the Kiruttinan) were absent. For answer.* vide *Col.* 29 *infra*)

Drugs for the National Health Programme

*105. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: †
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will thr Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have appointed a committee to review the list of drugs required for the National Health Programmes;

(b) if so, when the Committee had submitted its report and what are the findings of the committee;

(c) whether his Ministry has revised the list based on the findings of the committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have communicated the revised list to the Department of chemicals and Petrochemicals; and

(f) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See below*).

(e) to (f) Do not arise.

Statement

The committee to review the list of drugs under ategory-I of the Drug Price control Order (DPCO), 1987, submitted its report in November 1988. The Committee recommended drugs for 11 National Programme for fixing price under Category-I of the DPCO, 1987. The Committee based its recommendations on threaupeutic considerations without taking into account factors like production, availability and consumption. The Committee also sugastedcertain changes in the existing list of Category I drugs for recategorisation under Category-II of DPCO, 1987.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in consulation with Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals has decided that all matters pertaining to inclusion of drugs for price control would be decided by an inter-ministerial Standing Committee constituted by the Ministry of Industry, Department of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals with representatives from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and other concerned Ministries. It was, therefore decided that it would not be necessary to pursue the recommendations made by the Committee appointed by the Minister of Health & Family welfare

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sohan Lal Dhusiya.

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Ministry has neither laid the report of the expert committee nor implemented its recommendations? On account of this delay, the poor consumer is suffering due to increase in prices and the objective of the Government of giving relief to the poor people has greatly suffered. I would like to know whether it is a fact that due to the influence of powerful drug companies, the report has been kept in cold storage by the Ministry, ignoring the policy and the interests of the poor people of the country.

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: It is not so, Sir, because Siddiqui Committee had recommended 11 national programmes and 53 drugs under category I, while Kelkar Committee recommended5 national programmes and 21 category I drugs. Since there was the question of pricing which is being done by the secretary Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals, my Ministry has constituted an Inter ministerial Standing Committee to go into the whole affair so that some thing is found out to mitigate the grievances of the poor people.

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIA : In the statement it has been said that the price control will be decided by the Inter-ministerial Committee. I want to know when this Committee has been constituted and in how many months its decision is going to be implemented.

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM : It has recently been reconstituted. I have asked them to gointo the whole matter and do the things.

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIA : Sir, the Minister's reply is not proper. I want your protection.

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: I have made it quite clear that pricing is being done by the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals, not by the Department of Health. So, an Inter-ministerial Standing Committee has been constituted to chalk. out the programme and finalise the thing.

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the North East, particularly in Nagaland, there has been a great deal of agitation by the people and the doctors regarding supply and sale of spurious drugs in hospitals, in dispenaries and in pharmacies. I want to know, what are the conditions or criteria for issusing licences to these manufactureres, whether the Government makes an effort to see that these manufacturers abide by those condition and when it is found that they are manufacturing spurious drugs, what actions are taken against these manufacturers?

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Although the supplementary does not relate to the main question, for the sake of my friend I would like to point out that....

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to know about the sale of spurious drugs and how you are trying to stop it.

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Sir the thing is that all manufacturers are under the law. The Controller of Drugs has issued certain instructions and, if anybody is found violating the law, he will be punished.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, when I visited Bet Dwarka during election campaign I discussed with the panchayat people who told me that the total medicine, drugs available for the hospital were only 3000. I am happy that our State Minister for Health had also visited that place, but even after that when I enquired, I was told that the drugs

were not made available to them as yet. We have to see that the medicine is made available under the health programme. As far as profiteering in drugs is concerned, for the national health programme the prices are fixed but there should not be profiteering in other drugs. I have pointed out in this House on many occasions that the profit margin in respect of many drugs in more than 200 to 300 per cent.

I would like to know whether the Government will take action to see that the profiteering in the drugs, whether under the National Health Programme or other programmes, is stopped so that the poor and needy people can get the medicies at reasonable prices.

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Sir, I will look into it.

श्रीमती शशि पाह्डिया : श्रीमान में आपके द्वारा मंत्री जी को कहना चाहती हूं कि जो एक बोतल ग्लूकोस की लगाते हैं उसमें बहुत से लोग मर जाते हैं । उसको चढ़ाते ही सर्दी शुरू हो जाती है। क्या सरकार इस पर गौर करेगी कि वे असली है या नकली ? अगर नकली दवा है तो उसको हटाया जाये । दूसरा मैं यह भी कहना चाहती हूं कि पोलियो की जो दवा है या कई और मेडिसिन हैं जितने भी भुवनेश्वर में हास्पिटल खोले गये है, वहां डाक्टर्स हैं, नर्सें भी हैं लेकिन दवाएं नहीं हैं । तो क्या मंत्री जी वहां ये दवाएं भिजवाने की कोशिश करेंगे, मैं यह जानना चाहती हूं ।

श्री रफीक आलम : माननीय सदस्या लिखकर दे दें हम दवाएं भिजवा देंगे ।

श्री सभापति : बता दीजिए कहां का मामला है वे देख लेंगे ।

श्रीमती शशि पाह्डिया : असली, नकली की पहचान कराएंगे... (व्यवधान) कइयों की जानें गयी हैं... (व्यवधान)

श्री रफीक आलम : कोई स्पेसिफिक केस होना चाहिए । जनरल तो हम कह नहीं सकते हैं । स्पेसिफिक केस हो तो हमको दें, हम जरूर दिखवायेंगे । (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh. Question No. 106. Absent. Question No. 107.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Sir, I am asking my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I thought you were not asking. Now I have gone to Question No. 107.

*106 [*The questioner (Shri Chitta Basu and Dr. (Shrimati) Sarojini Mahishi) were absent. for answer,* vide, *Col.* 30 *infra*]

Linking of Delhi and Gurgaon with Local Telephone Call Service

*107. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Bahadurgarh, all falling within the National Capital Region, are accessible to Delhi on telephone as on local calls while Gurgaon, which is also within the NCR, has been denied this facility:

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain establishments like Maruti Udyog, IDPL, IST, Jawala Textile Mill and the residential areas within their vicinity, situated at a distance of just 3 kms. from the Municipal limits of Gurgaon, are directly connected to Delhi by telephone while the whole of the remaining Gurgaon is available only on STD or trunk service:

(c) if so, wheter Government propose to link Delhi and Gurgaon